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Westside Salmon Announcement 20 **Emergency Order 24**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial and subsistence fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 20 issued Sunday, June 30 at 12:00 p.m.

The cumulative Wood River sockeye salmon escapement at 6:00 a.m. was 817,000, Igushik River escapement is 164,000. The Nushagak River sockeye salmon escapement through June 29 was 696,000; the king salmon escapement was 66,868. There are 371 permits registered to fish in the Nushagak District. The commercial harvest yesterday was 213,000 sockeye salmon making the cumulative harvest 1.85 million.

Effective immediately the area within 6 statute miles of 58°43.82' N lat., 158° 52.77' W. long., is closed to all commercial fishing. Set gillnet fishing in the Igushik Section remains closed. As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Nushagak District opened at 10:00 a.m. this morning. This opening is extended until 5:00 p.m. July 1.

Fishermen should be aware that a tender rolled over in the Igushik River this morning. There is the potential for fuel being in the water. The department will monitor the situation and respond as needed.

Subsistence users are reminded that subsistence fishing on the Dillingham beaches goes to the three day per week schedule starting July 2. The three day per week schedule is Monday, 9:00 a.m. to Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Please note that this represents a change from the historical schedule.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.

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